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TO AMEMBASSY CAIRO IMMEDIATE

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, IS, EG

SUBJECT: UNEF EXTENSION

REF: CAIRO 7051

FOR CHARGE FROM SECRETARY

1. TELL FAHMY I GREATLY APPRECIATED THE FRANK AND CONSTRUCTIVE COMMENTS HE CONVEYED TO YOU IN ALEXANDRIA RE EXTENSION OF UNEF.
2. YOU MAY REASSURE HIM AND SADAT CATEGORICALLY U.S. REMAINS COMMITTED TO LANGUAGE IN PRESIDENT'S LETTER RE PASSES AND OIL FIELDS. IN PROVIDING THIS REAFFIRMATION, WE ASSUME WE ARE THEREBY MEETING EGYPT'S MAIN CONCERNS RE ACCEPTANCE OF EXTENSION OF UNEF.
3. RE TACTICS AT UN, WE CANNOT CONCUR THAT SITUATION CAN DRIFT UNTIL EXPIRATION OF PRESENT MANDATE ON JULY 24. UNSYG FIRMLY CONVINCED FORCES CANNOT STAY THERE BEYOND THE 24TH WITHOUT FORMAL SC ACTION EXTENDING IT AND THIS VIEW

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WIDELY SHARED BY SC MEMBERS WHO HAVE ALREADY BEEN

ENGAGED IN INTENSIVE EXCHANGE OF VIEWS. LEAVING DECISION ON FORCE UNRESOLVED UNTIL VERY LAST MOMENT INJECTS AIR OF UNCERTAINTY AND TENSION WHICH COUNTERPRODUCTIVE IN TERMS OF OUR ONGOING NEGOTIATING EFFORTS WHICH ARE MAKING PROGRESS AND WILL BE SPELLED OUT BY EILTS UPON HIS RETURN TO CAIRO.

4. ACCORDINGLY, YOU SHOULD TELL FAHMY WE WISH TO PROCEED WITH HIS AGREEMENT IN NEW YORK AS FOLLOWS.

5. WE WOULD ADVISE SC PRESIDENT IMMEDIATELY THAT BASED ON OUR IMPRESSIONS OF EGYPTIAN VIEWS, GOE WOULD BE RECEPTIVE TO APPEAL FROM HIM TO RECONSIDER EGYPTIAN POSITION NOT TO RENEW UNEF. WE WOULD URGE SC PRES TO AVOID SPECIFYING DURATION OF EXTENSION SOUGHT.

6. WE STRONGLY PREFER UNEF EXTENSION BE FOR SIX MONTHS. WE BELIEVE EGYPTIAN RESPONSE TO SC PRESIDENT APPEAL SHOULD BE MADE PROMPTLY SO THAT SC ACTION CAN BE CONCLUDED WELL BEFORE THE 24TH.

7. AS TO SC RESOLUTION, SUBJECT TO REVIEW OF PRECISE TEXT, WE PREPARED TO WORK FOR BASIC POINTS INDICATED BY FAHMY.

8. FINALLY, AT SOME APPROPRIATE POINT IN YOUR CONVERSATION ADDRESS YOURSELF TO THE COMMENT MADE BY FAHMY THAT WHAT WE PRESENTED SOUNDED LIKE ISRAELI POSITION. TELL HIM THIS IS NOT THE CASE, THAT WE HAVE NOT DISCUSSED THE COURSE OF ACTION IN THE SC WITH THEM, AND THAT WE ARE CONSULTING EGYPTIANS FIRST TO ASSURE THAT WE ARE WORKING TOGETHER TOWARDS COMMON ENDS. KISSINGER

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